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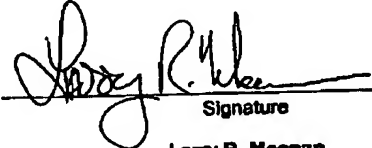
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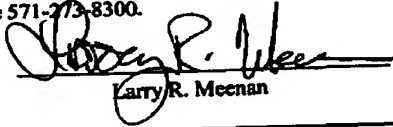
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IRREGULAR INSERT ORIENTATION

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PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REQUEST FOR REVIEW

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review filed herewith and in
response to the Final Rejection of August 11, 2006, Applicants submit the following:

Remarks/Arguments beginning on page 2 of this paper.

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REMARKS

Pursuant to the Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review submitted herewith and in accordance with the Requirements set out in the Official Gazette of 12 July 2005, the Applicants present the following reasons for seeking review:

Omission of an Element Necessary to Establish a *Prima Facie* Rejection:

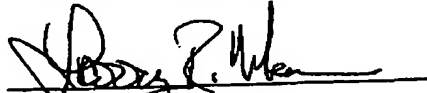
Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's Final Rejection fails to establish how the prior art references teach or suggest all the claim limitations under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). The references offered by the Examiner do not teach or suggest the limitation that appears in claim 1, that "the angular spacing of the cutting inserts within at least one of the rows varies within the row" or the limitation that appears in claim 11, that "the angular spacing of the cutting inserts within the rows varies within the first row, and the angular spacing of the cutting inserts within the second row varies within the second row and varies from the angular spacing of the cutting inserts within the first row." The Examiner relies on US Pat. No. 4,302,135 to Lillie to show variable angular spacing. The Examiner submits "that Lillie discloses that the physical relationships may be varied as deemed necessary". However, the physical relationship of variable angular spacing is not disclosed. Because a claimed limitation is not taught or suggested in any of the prior art references, a prima facie case of obviousness has not been shown. Please see Applicants' submissions of May 24, 2006, at pages 2-3, and December 16, 2004, at pages 7-8.

Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that Lillie lacks motivation to vary angular spacing. An object of variable angular spacing is to combat vibrational harmonics. Lillie does not address this issue and therefore would not suggest or motivate a person of reasonable skill in the art to make the variation. This line of reasoning also supports Applicants' contention that angular spacing of cutting inserts is more than a mere rearrangement of parts. Varied angular spacing of cutting inserts goes beyond a mere rearrangement of parts because operation of the drill is modified thereby. Since variable angular spacing of the cutting inserts is not shown in the reference and the reference does not provide any suggestion or motivation to make the claimed limitation, a prima facie case of obviousness has not been made.

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In view of the foregoing remarks and with reference to the remarks included in the referenced submissions, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice Of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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